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News of the Sections

THE next New York Section meeting will be held at Elmira,

May 2 and 3, with headquarters at the new Mark Twain Hotel. Frederic E. Beck of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation and E. D. Case of the Pitometer Company, respectively President and Secretary of the New York Section, have the arrangements in charge and promise a good program and predict a large and enthusiastic meeting. Whether or not you are a member of this Section, if you happen to be in the vicinity of Elmira at this time, do not fail to drop in at the meeting, for you will meet many old friends and make lots of new ones.

There will be as usual no display of exhibits by the manufacturers at the New York Section meeting, although as in former years it is expected that a great many of the manufacturers' representatives will be in attendance. Their presence is always desired and anticipated, for as someone has said, "they lend

a touch of color to the otherwise possible sombre aspect of the atmosphere."

The policy of "no exhibits," but a hearty welcome to all "exhibitors' representatives" has also been in effect for a number of years in the Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky-Tennessee Sections, and apparently with no injurious effects, for all of these Sections invariably hold large and interesting meetings. At other Sections, however, the exhibits have always been an attractive feature of the meetings, and here, the ruling of the Manufacturers' Association that this year there shall be no exhibits at any Section meetings, has been a great disappointment.

This action which deprives Section meetings of this feature which they, the manufacturers, alone can provide, was not taken arbitrarily by the Manufacturers' Association through lack of interest in the Section meetings, or from any ulterior motive, but they had found that the recent increase in the number of A. W. W. A. Sections, and the formation of a number of

small state water works organizations, had brought this question of exhibits to such a point that they believed retrenchment was an imperative measure or at least a very well advised one.

It is no secret that many protests against this action have come in to the Manufacturers' Association. These have all, however, been given careful consideration and this can be vouched for by some of the officers of the American Water Works Association, who through the courtesy of the Executive Committee of the Water Works Manufacturers Association have attended their meetings and taken part in their discussions.

During convention week at Toronto the Manufacturers Association will hold its annual meeting and it is intended at that time to go over all phases of this exhibit question and try to arrive at some satisfactory solution.

Secretary M. L. Enger of the Illinois Section called at the Secretary's Office in New York City the other day and advised that it has just been decided to hold the next Illinois Section meeting on May 13 and 14, at Waukegan, Ill., Clayton Hotel headquarters. Mr. Enger was in New York attending the annual meeting of the Sectional Committee on Specifications for Cast Iron Pipe and Special Castings.

The plan of charging a small registration fee at the Section meet-

ings is being generally adopted and seems to work out very well. Usually the Active Members pay a small nominal fee, perhaps from \$1.00 to \$3.00, and each representative of the Associate Members is charged a larger amount, in no case, to our knowledge, over \$10.00. All receipts from these registration fees go towards defraying the expenses of entertainment, such as luncheons, smokers, and the like, and no other donations towards the general entertainment features at the Section meetings are expected.

Most complete statistics of attendance at the last Rocky Mountain Section meeting and the last Indiana Section meeting have been furnished by their respective Secretaries, Dana E. Kepner and C. K. Calvert. At Section meetings the remark is sometimes heard that there seem to be more salesmen at the meetings than there are men actively interested in public water supplies. At the Indiana Section meeting, 75 per cent of those in attendance were men directly connected with water works plants and consulting engineers, health officers, chemists, etc., and at Denver, where the Rocky Mountain Section meeting was held 70 per cent of the attendance was of the above class.

Yes, this BULLETIN like other and perhaps more important news broadcasting mediums does make mistakes. Mr. Kepner found that it was impossible for him to be present at the Great Falls meeting of the Montana Section, and it is

expected at this writing that L. R. Howson of Chicago, a member of our Executive Committee, will be there as the representative of the parent Association.

Toronto Convention

THE Railroad Passenger Associations have granted our Association the fare and a half rate for the round trip to our Convention at Toronto. This will be on the Identification Certificate plan which worked so well at the Chicago Convention. Details regarding the purchase of tickets under this plan will be announced in a later BULLETIN and in ample time. Identification Certificates will be sent out to all members entitling them to purchase railroad tickets at this reduced fare.

Do not forget to carry with you to Toronto your needed quota of cigarettes. Such luxuries are quite expensive in Canada.

Committee on Specifications for Cast Iron Pipe

ON MARCH 26, 1929, the Sectional Committee on Specifications for Cast Iron Pipe and Special Castings, which functions under the American Standards Association, held its annual meeting in New York. Out of a total of 100 men on this Sectional Committee and the Technical and Sub-Committees there-

under, 40 were present at the meeting. The Three Technical Committees presented reports on all the work under way under their direction, and progress reports on tests on cast iron pipe being made for this Sectional Committee were given as follows: Under Technical Committee No. 1, Mr. W. J. Schlick reported on trench load tests which he is making at Iowa State College; under Technical Committee No. 2, Prof. M. L. Enger described the tests on strength of cast iron pipe which he is making at the University of Illinois; and Mr. L. P. Wood, Chairman of Technical Committee No. 3 described the tests on water corrosion of cast iron pipe which Prof. H. O. Forrest is making for his Committee at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Some of the Sub-Committees submitted tentative specifications for the parts of the work assigned to them, ultimately to be combined into the complete pipe specifications.

A series of tests on behavior in service of mortar lined service pipes was described in a written report from Mr. J. E. Gibson, Chairman of Sub-Committee 3-C.; these tests to include both Portland and natural cement, different thicknesses and different mixes of mortar lining.

The Sectional Committee sent out 600 copies of a general questionnaire on cast iron pipe over a year ago to Water and Gas Departments and Companies, and so far 100 replies have been received. These

are being summarized and tabulated by Mr. A. V. Ruggles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Committee, to make this information available to the Technical and Sub-Committees for their work.

Dues in Arrears

We don't like to use our new NEWS BULLETIN as a dunning instrument but we thought you would want to know that the Publication Committee has made a new ruling to the effect that Journals, after the April issue, will not be mailed to members who have not paid their 1929 dues. We know you want your copy of the Journal regularly, so if you have forgotten this little item send in your check as soon as convenient.

Coming Meetings

May 2-3—NEW YORK SECTION, AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION. Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira, N. Y. Secretary, E. D. Case, Pitometer Co., 50 Church St., New York, N. Y.

May 13-14—ILLINOIS SECTION, AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION. Clayton Hotel, Waukegan, Ill. Secretary, M. L. Enger, Professor of Mechanics and Hydraulics, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

May 13-16—NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (INTERNATIONAL). 33rd Annual Meeting, Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn. Technical Secretary, Robert S. Moulton, 60 Battery-march St., Boston, Mass.

June 24-28—AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION. 49th Convention, Hotel Royal York, Toronto, Ont., Canada. Secretary, Beekman C. Little, Office of Association, 29 West 39th Street, New York City.

June 24-28—AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS. 32nd Annual Meeting, Hotel Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J. Secretary-Treasurer, C. L. Warwick, Engineers Club Bldg., 1315 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

September 17-20—NEW ENGLAND WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION. 48th Annual Convention, Hotel Eastland, Portland, Me. Secretary, Frank J. Gifford, Supt., Dedham, Mass., Water Co., 715 Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

October 14-17—SOUTHWEST WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION. 18th Annual Convention, Tulsa, Okla. Tulsa Hotel headquarters. Secretary-Treasurer, Lewis A. Quigley, Superintendent, Water Department, Fort Worth, Tex.